










Tauranga

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Campaign for Better Council Governance is committed to educating voters about all candidates standing for election to Tauranga City Council. This includes reviewing those standing for re-election, so we engaged retiring councillor Max Mason to rate in a similar format to that previously done by John Cousins.

Max has the advantage of listening to councillors' contributions in the regular informal meetings in the Councillors' Lounge where many opinions and policies are informally shaped and influenced, the same councillors say similar things whether in the Councillors' Lounge or in the debating chamber.

Max Mason has rated from 10-1 highest to lowest in terms of both contribution in the Council Chamber, and their influence in the Councillors' Lounge.

Councillor	Strengths	Weaknesses	Rating
 Larry Baldock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intelligent, hard working and a strategic thinkerVery experienced in local government and his parliamentary experience is valuablePrinciple driven and very good grasp of detailNaturally canny politician with good debating skills. Has provided political leadership in a leadership vacuumGood committee chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can appear unforgiving and somewhat combative	9/10
 Kelvin Clout	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hard working, smart and good with numbersPleasant, personable and decentGood understanding of the issues and has an aspirant vision for the city	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Too nice - Needed to have shown some mongrel in the last triennium	7/10
 Terry Molloy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The conscience of the community – has a big heartDeeply concerned about city centre retailers impacted by transformationVery long history serving his constituency with genuine commitment and skill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Feels the pain of his constituents too personally, which may affect his objectivity	7/10
 Steve Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Works hard for his constituencyOnly councillor to regularly attempt Te Reo Maori in debates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Too political?Occasionally immature	6/10
 Greg Brownless	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Very hard workingGood committee chairAmusing and personableMany years in local government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lacks strategic perspectiveExcessively concerned with costs at the expense of opportunities in my opinionToo conservative and risk averseContributions to debates very predictable – save money and blame the government	5/10
 Rick Curach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Many years in Local GovernmentGreat advocate for transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Too many knee-jerk amendments apparently on a whim, in debatesDid not make the most of leadership opportunity in Transport Committee	5/10
 Max Mason	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pleasant and personableWide experience of different sectors in Tauranga	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Persisted with unrealistic expectations on how quickly positive change could occurNot politically minded enoughToo collegial and not assertive enough in criticizing poor performance of councillors and staff	5/10
 John Robson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Had some business consultancy experience years ago in the UKAttention to detail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In debates he frequently and tediously repeats his history, experience and superiority.Unpredictable	4/10
 Bill Grainger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Generally amiable until he gets roused	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Has a few passions such as Welcome Bay slipway, and an aquarium but doesn't add much to debatesToo black and white, little nuance	4/10